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Call for Abstracts

EqualHealth's Global Social Medicine Summit: Building Community, Critical Consciousness and a Movement for Health Equity

We are accepting abstracts for our upcoming virtual conference! Accepted abstracts will be live on our website before, during and after the conference with some being highlighted on the last day of the conference, which will be the 18th October 2020. This year, our conference will be spread across four days with the first day **October 15th, 2020** featuring an exciting faculty development for those interested in honing their skills in building critical consciousness and the teaching and learning of social medicine courses. The faculty development session builds on our decade of experience teaching social medicine in a local-global context. The second day **October 16th, 2020** will be centred on Haiti and will seek to explore contextual causes of inequity and how we can become agents of change; this day will be our tenth annual Haiti conference, celebrating EqualHealth's decade of collaboration and learning in Haiti. In the same vein, we will also recognize the 10-year anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti. **October 17th, 2020**, the third day of the conference, will feature our global program, the Campaign Against Racism as we continue building a transnational, community-based radical imagination of a future without structural racism and racial capitalism. The fourth and final day, **October 18th, 2020**, is the conference climax and open to any participants with an interest in the intersection of social medicine, building community, critical consciousness, and collective actions towards health equity.

A **limited number of accepted abstracts** will be presented on the final day of the conference. Authors may choose to present their work in the form of traditional scientific posters, short video talks of 5 minutes, and/or artistic pieces in their preferred form. Abstracts for presentations should **describe innovative social medicine programs, projects, people's narratives/lived experiences/stories, community organizing, research, or curricula** being developed or experienced or implemented anywhere globally. Abstracts need to **highlight at least one of the following conference objectives**:

1. Build power and deepen relationships across borders in a turbulent moment of the pandemic, authoritarianism, racial capitalism, and uprising.
2. Inspire transnational solidarity, healing, and radical imagination
3. Reflect on the power and pain of anniversaries- 10 years of SocMed courses; 10 years since the Haiti earthquake and founding of EqualHealth; 10 years of the annual conference in Haiti; and 5 years of SMC and 5th annual SMC conference.
4. Centre anti-blackness and racism against indigenous people as root causes of oppression and dismantling them as antidotes to health

Broadly, you will notice these fall into this year's summit focus on community building, critical consciousness for social justice activism, and building a movement for health equity. Some



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examples of areas that abstracts can address include: community organizing wins (particularly during Covid-19), building solidarity during Covid-19, *transnational actions in the context of migration and deportation; climate justice organizing; healing justice initiatives; indigenous science; organizing around declaring racism as a public health crisis; abolition; critical consciousness and political education models; community platform models, examples of organizing centering Back Indigenous People Of Color (BIPOC) communities, naming disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on BIPOC.*

Submissions from health professionals who are not physicians and other disciplines are strongly encouraged and submissions from those who are not health workers but whose work centres around the social determinants of health.

Please note that we are able to guarantee a limited number of internet connection sponsorship for authors of accepted abstracts, with strong preference for those from the global south. Opportunities to apply for internet connection sponsorship through the SMC will be announced in the coming week but will be limited.

Abstract Submission Deadline

Abstracts will be accepted until **September 25th, 2020**. If you are interested in submitting an abstract for this conference, please visit the online submission portal [here](#)